

CARLSBAD *Currents*

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Welcome to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events.
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TGIF Jazz in the Parks celebrates 25 years ★ ★

Tips for having a great night!

The city's free summer concerts are more popular than ever.

What started 25 years ago in Magee Park with a "crowd" of about 150 has grown to become a favorite summer tradition for residents of all ages. Today, the TGIF concerts draw thousands of friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening of music, fun and, yes, lots of dancing. To make the most of your night, the City of Carlsbad offers these tips:

- Come early to get the best parking; car-pooling encouraged
- Check the city website for information on free shuttles and parking
- Take advantage of loading zones to drop-off your food and gear
- For your safety and the safety of others, please leave family pets, skateboards, rollerblades, skates and bicycles at home
- Personal charcoal, gas or electric grills are also NOT permitted
- Bring low-back chairs so people behind you can see the stage
- Wear long sleeves and use bug repellent to avoid mosquito bites
- As reminder, smoking is not allowed in city parks
- Most importantly, come prepared to have fun, unwind from the week and meet new friends

2010 Concert Schedule Stagecoach Park

(parking limited due to construction, see website for more info)

June 25

Ruby & The Red Hots
jazz & blues vocals

July 2

Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca
Afro-Cuban

July 9

Big Time Operator
big band swing

Poinsettia Park

July 16

Louie Cruz Beltran
Latin

July 23

The Screamin' Primas
A Tribute to Louis Prima
jump jive

July 30

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers
West Coast blues

Calavera Hills Park

Aug. 6

Bill Magee Blues Band
southern blues

Aug. 13

Sue Palmer & Her
Motel Swing Orchestra
swing

Aug. 20

Earl Thomas
rockin' blues

All concerts go
from 6 to 8 p.m.

Summer is prime time for pool safety

Did you know drowning accidents are the leading cause of injury and deaths among children under 5? Often without splashing or any other signs of trouble, a child can drown in mere moments – the time it takes to answer the phone or simply look away from the pool. The City of Carlsbad Fire Department reminds residents to follow these safety tips:

- Look in the pool/spa area first if a child is missing
- Install warning alarms on doors and windows leading to the water
- Install a non-climbable, five-foot fence that separates the pool/spa from the residence
- Install self-closing and self-latching gates and doors leading to the pool/spa with latches above a child's reach. Gates should open outward
- Mount rescue equipment by the pool such as a lifesaving ring, shepherd's hook and a CPR sign
- Teach children how to be safe in the water by taking swimming lessons. The city's Parks & Recreation Department offers individual and group lessons for all ages. Register at www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec.



Remember, children are at risk from small wading pools, bathtubs, buckets, diaper pails, and toilets as well as swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs. For more tips, search for “water watchers” on the city’s website.

Pool, spa maintenance tips

Summer is almost here, which means it’s time to get the swimming pool and spa ready for family and friends. But wait! Before draining any water from your pool or spa to the street or storm drain, be sure to check chlorine, pH, algicides, and other water quality parameters. Improperly draining chemically treated water to the storm drain system can threaten the water quality of our creeks and lagoons. High concentrations of chemicals can alter downstream waterways, creating a harmful environment for aquatic plants and animals. Only dechlorinated, pH-neutral water is allowed in the storm drain system.

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Free and fun summer events

- **June-August, Friday Nights, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

- TGIF Jazz in the Park Concert Series**

- 760-434-2904

- This year TGIF Jazz returns for its 25th season. Get ready to dance, picnic and listen to music all summer long! For more information, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

- **Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
Community Health and Fitness Expo

- Westfield Plaza Camino Real

- 760-602-7519

- Enjoy shopping, music, seminars/workshops, and fun activities for the whole family the day before the Carlsbad Triathlon.

- **Sunday, July 11, 8 a.m.**

- Carlsbad Triathlon**

- Carlsbad State Beach (at Tamarack)

- 760-602-7519

- Come cheer on elite athletes and beginners alike at one of the top five triathlons in the world, brought to you by the City of Carlsbad. To volunteer on race day, call 760-602-7511 or e-mail at Natalie.Alegre@carlsbadca.gov.

- **Sunday, July 11 - Sunday, Aug. 29**
Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz:
Photographs by William P. Gottlieb

- William D. Cannon Art Gallery

- 760-602-2021

- Marvel at Gottlieb's images of jazz greats, including Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra.

- A special 25th anniversary selection of the TGIF Jazz concert photography will be on display, too.

- **Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m.**
Library Summer Concert

- Georgina Cole Library

- 760-602-2026

- This free concert features Nathan McEuen and Scott Gates performing bluegrass/Americana folk rock. Seating is limited and first come, first served.



Ask the City of Carlsbad



The city answers questions from residents.

Why aren't dogs allowed on the beach?

In Carlsbad, beaches are controlled by the State Parks Department, not the city. Under state law, dogs are not allowed on the beach, with or without a leash. The good news for dog owners is that the City of Carlsbad has lots of other places where dogs are welcome, including more than 40 miles of trails and an off leash dog park on Carlsbad Village Drive, just west of Pontiac Drive. Always remember to be kind to others and the environment by picking up after your dog. Pet waste stations are conveniently located throughout the trail system. Check the city's website for more information.



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To do your part:

- Ensure that there are no measurable levels of chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, algicides or other chemicals.
- Check that the pH level is 7- 8.
- Do not discharge filter materials or backwash to the street or storm drain.
- If water is discharged to landscaping, flow should be controlled to prevent erosion problems.

For questions or more information, please call the Storm Water Hotline at 760-602-2799 or visit www.carlsbadca.gov and click on Environmental Programs to find the Storm Water Protection Program Web page.

What's the **phone number** for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Non-emergency Police	760-931-2197
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Report broken/leaky irrigation	760-438-2722
Farmers market information	760-434-2553
Department of Motor Vehicles	800-777-0133
Campground reservations	800-444-PARK
Park/picnic area reservations	760-602-7510



For a complete list of commonly requested phone numbers, click on "Carlsbad A-Z" on the city's home page, www.carlsbadca.gov. Not sure who to call? You can always call City Hall during regular business hours, and we'll get you to the right place.